

GOVERNOR BROWN DENIES PARDON TO CHIEF STRIPLING

Former Danville, Va., Police
Official Must Serve
Life Sentence.

ATLANTA, April 23.—Thomas E. Stripling, the murderer of W. J. Cornett, who escaped from the State penitentiary fourteen years ago, and who was discovered and rearrested while serving as chief of police in Danville, Va., must go back to prison for the remainder of his life, as Governor Brown has denied the application for his pardon. The governor refuses to recognize the "unwritten law," and declares that the killing was a cowardly and cold-blooded assassination.

Governor Brown, in a review of the case, exonerated the "unwritten law," which Stripling pleaded in justification of his act, as an euphemism presenting, when unmasked, "the hideous feature of anarchy."

At his trial fourteen years ago Stripling tried to show that Cornett was a whiskey blockader and a wrecker of homes, and that he attacked Stripling's sister. This evidence was submitted to Governor Brown, as were petitions signed by many citizens of Atlanta and Danville.

The killing of Cornett occurred in Harris county in 1897, and a year later Stripling was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He had served a year when the opportunity came to escape. Walking three miles to the home of an uncle, he obtained a change of clothing and hurried on to Abbeville, S. C., where he arrived one Sunday.

That night he went to church, and next morning got a job on the farm of S. S. Spearman. But the thought that he was pursued haunted him, and he soon left for Southern Pines, where he was joined by his wife and three children. Later he pressed on to Greenville, N. C., and eventually settled in Danville, where he took the name R. E. Morris and obtained work as a carpenter.

Stripling prospered, and little by little the fear of being discovered faded away and he applied for and received a position as special agent for the Southern railway. His work brought him to the attention of the authorities of the town, and after he had succeeded in breaking up a gang of crooks he was offered a place on the police force.

This was in 1905, and it was not long before Stripling was advanced, in less than a year he was elected chief of police by the prohibitionists, who were making a determined fight against "blind tigers" and the liquor traffic. So energetic was the chief that he won the commendation of the leaders of the party, and further honors were in store for him when he was organized by a citizen of his home town.

"The Man in the Ditch," Dakota's Lecture Topic

Among the most effective assimilating agencies for immigrants into this country are the government policy of selection, the labor unions, the schools, and the churches, according to John L. Erickson, of South Dakota, secretary to Senator Crawford. Mr. Erickson will discuss the subject of immigration in a popular lecture next Friday evening at the Central Y. M. C. A. building.

Knights Templar to Hold Ladies' Night Tomorrow

Columbia Commandery of Knights Templar will have a "ladies' night" at the Arlington Hotel tomorrow, and have prepared a program of unusual interest. Officers will be publicly installed, the medals won in the field day exercises at Friendship last fall will be bestowed, and a buffet luncheon will be served.

A dance will follow. The officers are: J. Frank Trezars, commander; Frank R. Underwood, generalissimo; Frank E. Gibson, captain general; Stanton W. Trunell, senior warden; Frank M. Cissel, junior warden; James H. McIntosh, prelate; Walter H. Klopfer, treasurer; Faber Stevenson, recorder; Louis H. Meyers, standard bearer; B. P. Larcombe, Jr., sword bearer; Charles E. Foster, warder; and Walter N. Pettus, trustee for three years.

CHILD WELFARE TO ENGAGE MOTHERS

Betterment of Condition of Children to Be Chief Topic
of Discussion When Congress Opens Here
Tuesday.

Every phase of child life will be covered by second international congress on child welfare which opens here this week in connection with the fifteenth annual meeting of the National Congress of Mothers.

Delegates from each State congress of mothers will attend, as well as delegates appointed by the governors of the various States and by mayors of our leading municipalities. Several foreign nations also have appointed representatives.

The program in detail follows: Tuesday, April 25, evening—Reception at Arlington Hotel given by officers of National Mothers Congress to delegates and visitors.

Wednesday, April 26, morning—Roll call followed by reports of officers and various departments. Afternoon—Sight-seeing automobile tour and luncheon at Congressional Library. Evening—Annual address by the president, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, of Philadelphia, and addresses by Ambassador Bryce, Paul Hagerman, consul general for Belgium, and Mrs. Berri Hart, of Edinburgh, Scotland, delegate appointed by Parents' National Educational Union of Great Britain.

Thursday, April 27, morning—Discussion of relation of home to child welfare by the following speakers: Dr. Tom A. Williams, Washington, D. C., "The home's responsibility for dishonesty and corruption in business and politics and for immorality and low standards of citizenship." Mr. George K. Johnson, Langhorne, Pa., "The home's responsibility for the Pennsylvania State Congress of Mothers." "Father's need of instruction in child welfare," Edith Kingman Kern, "The purity of the press," Mrs. J. E. Little, president Georgia State Congress, "What child study means to a mother."

Mrs. George B. Carroll, wife of Governor Carroll of Iowa, "The home's responsibility of preventing immorality." Afternoon—Trip to Mount Vernon in special trolleys. Evening—Continuation of morning discussion by following speakers: Dr. Theodore Smith, Child Study Institute, Worcester, Mass., "Relation of child study to child welfare." J. George Becht, Normal School, Clinton, N. Y., "The place of fear in home discipline." Mrs. Orville T. Bright, Chicago, chairman department of education, "The children of the nation." Department of school patrons of national educational association, "Parents' responsibility for the life, health and character of the nation."

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Afternoon—Luncheon at Rauscher's Cafe. Sunday, April 30—Nearly all of the pastors of Washington churches will speak from their pulpits on the relation of the church to child welfare, and there will be a musical service at the Arlington Hotel at 4 o'clock. In the afternoon, in connection with which will be held memorial services for Mrs. James H. Magill, of Washington, D. C., late corresponding secretary of the National Congress of Mothers, and for Mrs. W. W. Murphy, late president of the California congress.

Religious Work. Monday, May 1, morning (program in charge of the religious education association), the following will speak: Rev. Clayton H. Rank, Baltimore, "Church as a Social Kindergarten." Rev. Cleveland Hicks, "The Church and Child Welfare." Mrs. Lemuel C. Bonds, New York, "The Church and the Welfare of the Immigrant Child." Patterson D. Boileau, Philadelphia, "The Children's Castle." Rabbi Abram Simon, Washington, D. C., "The Jewish Church and Child Welfare." Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, Philadelphia, "Care of the Child a Sign of Civilization." Henry F. Cope, Chicago, "Taking the Home in Religious Terms."

Afternoon—Reception at the White House by President and Mrs. Taft. Evening—Election of officers. The following incumbents probably will be re-elected: President, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, Philadelphia; vice president, Mrs. J. D. Gibbs, Los Angeles; Mrs. David O. Morris, New York; Mrs. Roger B. McMullen, Evanston, Ill.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jas. S. Bolton, New Haven; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arthur H. Burt, Washington; treasurer, Mrs. Louise Gilson, Wilmer, Ill.; auditor, Mrs. William F. Thatcher, Florence, N. J.

Next Week. Tuesday May 2, morning—Discussion of the State's connection with child welfare as regards health by the following speakers: Mrs. Walter Brown, Des Moines, "Child Hygiene." Dr. Jeanette Bells, Denver, "Rights of the Beggar." Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, United States division vital statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, "Birth Registration." Nathan Straus, New York, "Milk Inspection." Dr. S. S. Neff, director of public health and charities, Philadelphia, "The Municipality's Duty to the Child."

Afternoon—Matinee for children reading of Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird," by Miss Edith Kunz, New York. Trip to Annapolis and sight-seeing trips to Capitol and other points of interest. Evening—Report of resolutions committee, by Mrs. Milton P. Higgins, Mrs. J. N. Fort, president Texas State congress, will invite National congress to meet in Texas next. Miss Elizabeth Harrison, of the Kindergarten College, will speak on the "Hilltops and Valleys of Humanity."

Progressives Band Together in New York. The National Progressive Republican League movement has extended to New York, where a State league was incorporated last week, with the approval of the supreme court. No less interesting than the formation of the State league is a call from Bela Tokaji, its president, on Theodore Roosevelt to lead the progressive movement in the United States.

The New York State league has chosen a rising sun with the motto "Excelsior" as its emblem. Its objects are "to maintain principles of popular government, progressive legislation, and other public reforms," to promote the idea of direct election of United States Senators, direct primaries, corrupt practices legislation, and to agitate for the amendment of the New York constitution to provide for the initiative, referendum, and the recall.

Three Lots Are Sold in Chevy Chase Heights. The sales of three lots in Chevy Chase Heights are reported by Thomas J. Fisher & Co., Inc. A Gordon Hamilton bought two lots with a frontage of 120 feet on the north side of Jennifer street, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth, for \$4,500, and William W. Mathews bought a sixty-foot lot on the north side of Harrison street, west of Thirty-ninth, for \$2,000. Mr. Mathews intends the immediate erection of a residence for himself.

Mrs. Sophia L. Seagrigh, who recently purchased a lot on the north side of Oxford street, east of Connecticut avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., has had plans drawn by L. T. Williams, architect, for a three-story residence.

NEW LAWS HASTEN EXIT OF THE WOODEN RAILWAY MAIL CARS

Improvements for Which
Clerks Have Battled Be-
come Effective July 1.

The first of the two principal legislative acts contemplating the displacement of wooden railway mail cars by steel cars will become effective July 1, and officials of the Postoffice Department said today that it would surely expedite the change being made in the vehicles that carry the postal matter of the country.

The act provides that after July 1 the Government will not accept and pay for the use of wooden railway mail cars used between steel cars, or between a locomotive and a steel car. Another act yet more forceful will become effective July 1, it provides that railway companies shall not be allowed to use wooden mail cars in trains in which a majority of the cars is composed of steel.

Fight Against Wooden Cars. The two acts are expected to consummate an improvement for which railway mail clerks have been especially importunate. They have constantly charged that the railway mail cars were the most dangerous in trains, for the reason that they were of wood, while in many cases the remainder of the train was composed of steel, the result being that in any wreck the mail cars were splintered and their occupants almost invariably killed or wounded.

There are at present 1,114 "full railway postoffice cars" in service. That number excludes the "apartment cars," of which one apartment is used for mail and others for baggage or express, and of the 1,114 cars 252 are steel and 86 are steel underframe. There are now under construction 13 steel underframe cars and 127 steel. They will soon be completed and in operation. There are also under contract for construction 108 steel cars. The construction of wooden postoffice cars seems to have almost ceased.

Twenty-one Clerks Hurt. The statistics of the department, according to a letter from the Postmaster General to the Senate, in response to a resolution, February 21, show that no railway mail clerk was killed in a wooden postoffice car during the last fiscal year. Twenty-one were injured, however.

To penalties, the department advised, have been imposed upon the railways for operating wooden cars between steel, none being provided, but requests that the practice be discontinued have been nearly always heeded by the railways, the exceptions being where operating conditions would not permit. With the new legislation in effect, it is believed the use of wooden postoffice cars will steadily decrease.

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Delegations from the Loyal Legion, the Naval Lodge of Elks, of the State of Washington, and the Army and Navy Club, of this city, of which organizations he was a member, will attend the funeral.

Admiral Inch, who was sixty-seven years old, suffered from a complication of troubles, but the direct cause of his death was heart failure. He was born in Washington, June 23, 1843. During the Spanish war he was on board the cruiser Boston, in Dewey's fleet. He had been on the retired list since June 23, 1906.

His wife, who was Miss Sarah Whitney, of Baltimore, and one son, Philip L. Inch, of this city, survive him.

Y. M. C. A. Debaters Hold Annual Banquet. The Young Men's Christian Association Debating Society had its second annual banquet in the Association Assembly Hall last night. W. E. Kelly was toast master and M. J. Jones, director of the educational department, made an address on the work of the department.

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